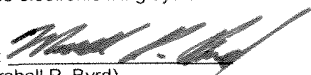


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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 17, 2008, and is timely filed within one month of the mailing date of the Notice. Should any additional fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under order no. 31127/43656C. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** none.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the replacement listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.